10-50 a.m. SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" In view of the answer given by the Hon. Minister that subsidy or loan will be given on application in deserving cases, will he be good enough to give subsidy or loan to the Krishna Engineering Works, Palghat; Metal Industries, Shoranur, and all the textile industries as a whole in the Malabar district which are on the verge of collapse or are collapsing? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" A separate question may be put."

Number of coupes leased out in Cuddapah South Forest Division.

* 100 *Q.*—SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the number of coupes leased out in Cuddapah South Forest Division during 1951–52 and the estimated yield of the fuel in tons after felling the coupes as reckoned by the number of waggons despatched from the railway stations of Mamandur, Settigunta, Kodur, Urampadu, Reddipalli, Rajampet and Cuddapah?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The number of coupes leased is 27.

" The estimated yield of fuel is 18,410 tons and the actual out-turn of fuel is 15,211 tons or 1,170 waggon loads, and timber 19,105 pieces or 64 waggon loads. Nine hundred and fifty-one waggons or 12,510 tons of fuel, 25 waggons or 7,224 tons of timber and 1 waggon or 13 tons of charcoal were despatched from the various railway stations in the division."

SRI M. VENKATASUBBA REDDI :—" Sir, are the Government aware that illegal felling in the Cuddapah South Forest Division is going on on a large scale, and if so what action have the Government taken to prevent it? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Notice, Sir."

SRI M. LAKSHMANASWAMY :—" Forest coupes auction లకు ఏదైనా principle ఉన్నదా? అటువంటిది ఉంటే, అది ఎటువంటిది? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Yes, Sir. There are principles on which forest coupes are worked out."

SRI P. NARASIMHA REDDI :—" ఇంత పెద్ద ఎత్తున అరణ్యంలో చెట్లు పూర్తిగా కొట్టించివేయుడంవల్ల వర్షములు పడడంలేదు. వర్షములకు ఈ అరణ్యములకు అవినాభావసంబంధం ఉన్నదని శాస్త్రజ్ఞులు అభిప్రాయపడుతున్నారని మంత్రిగారికి తెలుసునా? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" These coupes that have been set apart for fuel have been so arranged, that they come in rotation of 20 to 30 years. It is not cutting in these coupes that causes denudation of forests."